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Agenda Item: 3E

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities

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CABLE TELEVISION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF COMCAST)
CABLEVISION OF NORTHWEST NEW JERSEY,)
INC. FOR A RENEWAL CERTIFICATE OF)
APPROVAL TO CONTINUE TO CONSTRUCT,)
OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION)
SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF OXFORD,)
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY)

ORDER OF EXTENSION

BPU DOCKET NO. CE00050305
OAL DOCKET NO. CTV 07855-00

Stryker, Tams and Dill, Newark, New Jersey, by Dennis C. Linken, Esq., for the Petitioner.

Benbrook and Benbrook, Clinton, New Jersey, by Kevin P. Benbrook, Esq., for the Township.

Township Clerk, Township of Oxford, New Jersey, by Kathryn A. Becker, for the Township.

BY THE BOARD:

The Initial Decision in the above captioned matter was acknowledged as received by the Board on August 12, 2002. The 45-day statutory period for the review and rendering of a final decision by the Board is due to expire on September 26, 2002. Upon review, the Board's Office of Cable Television noted that the Initial Decision was based on the Petitioner's assertion at the plenary hearing on May 31, 2002, that the Township of Oxford ("Township") was to amend its municipal consent ordinance to strike language to which the Petitioner objected. The Township has not yet done so. The Board determined that it is necessary to request an extension of the effective date of said decision until November 10, 2002.

The extension is based upon the need to allow sufficient time for the Township to adopt an amendment to its ordinance in this matter. The amendment to the ordinance was introduced on August 21, 2002, however, due to the Township's meeting schedule, it is not set down for final adoption until September 18, 2002. In addition, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-24, the Petitioner has ten days from the date of issuance to accept or reject the ordinance. The Petitioner will then file an amended petition for the Township, pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement.

Therefore, a request for an extension of time is necessary.

The Board has shown good cause why it cannot adopt, modify or reject the Initial Decision within the statutory time period. Therefore, pursuant to P.L. 1978, c. 67, Section 8(c), N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10(c), it is ORDERED that the time for the Board to render a final decision be extended forty-five (45) days until November 10, 2002.

DATED: September 23, 2002

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
BY:

(signed)

JEANNE M. FOX
PRESIDENT

(signed)

FREDERICK F. BUTLER
COMMISSIONER

(signed)

CAROL J. MURPHY
COMMISSIONER

(signed)

CONNIE O HUGHES
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

(signed)

KRISTI IZZO
SECRETARY

DATED:

JEFF S. MASIN, ACTING DIRECTOR
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW